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Dear Mr. Casey:

The Joint Economic Committee in its triannual series on the economies of the Soviet Union, People's Republic of China, and Eastern Europe has relied in the past on the valuable contributions of your analysts for assessments on economic performance and prospects. We are now engaged in the planning process for a new set of assessments on the economies of the East European countries. We should like to ask you to, once again, have your staff contribute to this effort.

In the discussions of our staff, we have availed ourselves of the advice of your staff. [redacted] has been most helpful in providing insights for our planning process. A number of valuable contributions were available for our previous volume, East European Economic Assessment, volumes 1 and 2, released in 1981. Some of those assessments provided by your staff at that time might be useful points of departure for current contributions. Problems, of course, have changed in the East European economic developments and in our requirements for making our assessments for the policymakers of the United States. There will, therefore, be a need for looking at different problems in a current light.

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We would expect to assemble the final drafts in August 1983, in order to meet our publication schedule. Richard Kaufman of the Joint Economic Committee staff and John P. Hardt of the Congressional Research Service may provide additional technical information on our preparations. We have asked the Congressional Research Service to, once again, assist in planning, coordinating, editing, and summarizing these assessments of the economies of the Communist area.

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